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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Treasuries.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. A. 7—27-28, dated 22nd November 1927, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting with his remarks copy of letter No. 430—T. A. D. B., dated 31st October 1927, from the Comptroller to Government, reporting on the working of the Treasuries during the year 1926-27.

ORDER No. R. 5891-900—R, M. 37-27-2, DATED 4TH FEBRUARY 1928.

From the Comptroller's report it is seen that the monthly accounts were not received on the due dates, and that in a number of cases they were sent in an incomplete form without the necessary subsidiary statements. Statement A forwarded with the report contains a large number of cases where differences between the cash accounts and subsidiary schedules are observed; there have been 26 such cases during the year as against 15 in the previous year. Statement B shows that the total number of bills wrongly paid was 76 as against 60 in the previous year, while the total number of other omissions and serious irregularities were 128 and 65 as against 123 and 34 respectively during the previous year. It is also reported that in almost every month's cash accounts of the Tumkur District, numerous corrections were noticed without attestation by the Treasury Officer and that in certain other months there was overwriting of figures also.

2. It is seen that in spite of observations made in the reviews of previous years, there has been long delay on the part of the treasuries in submitting the several annual returns. The number of misclassifications of receipts and payments in treasury accounts is reported to be on the increase, the Kadur District Treasury, the smallest of all District Treasuries, being responsible for the largest number.

3. A few cases of unusual delay on the part of treasury officers in complying with the instructions contained in objection slips issued to them by the Comptroller are referred to in the report. It is observed that the delay ranged from 2½ months to 2 years and 3 months. Two cases of fraud in connection with Savings Bank transactions are referred to in the report. They are said to be under police investigation, the result of which should be reported to Government as early as possible.

A shortage of Rs. 13,000 was discovered in the Mysore Taluk Treasury. The circumstances which led to it and the question of the responsibility of the officers concerned, are being separately examined.

4. The Comptroller's report, as noticed in the foregoing paragraph, records no improvement in the working of the treasuries during the year 1926-27. As observed by the Revenue Commissioner, most of the defects and irregularities brought to notice could have been rectified if the Treasury Officers had exercised efficient supervision over the work of the establishments. Every endeavour should be made to enforce punctuality and despatch of work in treasury transactions. Special attention is also necessary in regard to Savings Bank and Deposit transactions.

5. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts and the Comptroller in respect of State Huzur Treasury, are requested to issue special instructions to the officers in charge of the several treasuries to rectify the defects noticed and submit to them a report of action taken within a period of 3 months.

6. It has been repeatedly brought to the notice of Government that the inefficiency of treasury administration is attributable to the method of selection of officials working therein; and the poor personnel with which the treasury officers have to work. Government in their Order No. R. 4662-71—R. M. 36-27-4, dated 20th December 1927, have accepted the necessity for accelerating the process of manning the District Treasuries with qualified hands and have approved of the Comptroller's proposal to the deputation of a hand from his office to each district for a period of two years. Very early effect should be given to this order.

7. There is one common complaint by all the treasury officers as regards insufficient supply of printed forms and registers and net bags for storing coin. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to obtain a special report as regards the actual requirements in each treasury and take necessary action for their supply.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Hostels for Adikarnataka and Adidravida Pupils.

READ—

Letter No. S2 3083-102 of 27-28, dated 16th September 1927, from the Director of Public Instruction, stating that the marginally noted resolution was adopted at an informal conference of some gentlemen interested in the Education of Adikarnatakas, held in his Office on 13th December 1926 and recommending that the same may be favourably considered.

Resolved that hostels for Adikarnatakas on the Grant-in-aid basis be encouraged, the usual grant allowed under the Grant-in-aid Rules with half the cost of boarding not exceeding Rs. 3 per boy being given.

ORDER No. D. 7711-12—EDN. 252-27-2, DATED 25TH JANUARY 1928.

The resolution referred to above is approved. Government further direct that a note as indicated below be inserted under Rule C. III of the Rules of Grant-in-aid to Private Hostels issued under Government Order No. 4566-8—Edn. 268-20-8, dated 1st June 1922.

"NOTE.—In the case of hostels intended for Adikarnataka and Adidravida pupils, one half of the establishment and boarding charges subject to a maximum of Rs. 3 per boarder per mensem will be given in addition to the existing concessions". This concession will be in force for 3 years.

N. RAMA RAO,
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Development Departments.